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SUBJ: AMBASSADOR'S GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

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SUGGEST FOLLOWING CHANGES:

A. UNDER "NARCOTICS" CHANGE SECOND ITEM TO READ "INSURE THAT ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED THROUGH THE NARCOTICS CONTROL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM CONTINUES TO BE USED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 1974 U.S.-BURMA AGREEMENT, THAT IS, PRIMARILY FOR ANTI-NARCOTICS PURPOSES WITH ANY ADDITIONAL USE INCIDENTAL TO THE PRIMARY PURPOSES." THIS IS THE WORDING OF THE AGREEMENT; AND, MOREOVER, THE WORD "SOLELY" MIGHT SEEM TO PRECLUDE ADMINISTRATIVE OR TRAINING FLIGHTS, WHICH ARE NOT DIRECTLY ANTI-NARCOTICS MISSIONS BUT ARE ESSENTIAL TO MAINTENANCE OF THE ANTI-NARCOTICS CAPABILITY.

B. FIRST AND SECOND ITEMS UNDER "ECONOMIC" ARE WORTHWHILE LONG-RANGE GOALS BUT UNREALISTIC IN THE SHORT RUN. THE GUB HAS RECENTLY REITERATED IN STRONG TERMS ITS SCIOALIST FAITH AND HOSTILITY TO PRIVATE INVESTMENT, BOTH DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN. PERHAPS THE FOLLOWING PHRASEOLOGY, IN REPLACEMENT OF THESE TWO ITEMS, WOULD MORE ACCURATELY REFLECT EXPECTATIONS: "WHILE RECOGNIZING THE UNLIKELIHOOD OF ANY FUNDAMENTAL ECONOMIC REFORM UNDER THE CURRENT REGIME, ENCOURAGE THE GUB TO ADOPT SOUNDER ECONOMIC POLICIES WITHIN ITS BASIC SCIOALSIT FRAMEWORK, INCLUDING ACCEPTANCE
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OF PRIVATE FOREIGN INVESTMENT, SO THAT THE LIVING STANDARDS OF THE BURMESE PEOPLE CAN BE INCREASED AND BURMA CAN BECOME A MORE EFFECTIVE PARTICIPANT IN THE REGIONAL AND WORLD ECONOMY.

C. PARA 3 REFTEL STATES THAT REFERENCES TO HUMAN RIGHTS ARE OMITTED UNLESS REQUIRING UNUSUAL EMPHASIS OR DE-EMPHASIS IN A GIVEN COUNTRY. IS THE STATEMENT UNDER "HUMAN RIGHTS" INDICATIVE

THAT THE DEPARTMENT BELIEVES BURMA REQUIRES SUCH EMPHASIS, PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO ETHNIC MINORITIES? IN ANY CASE, THERE ARE FEW "ROUTING" CONTACTS WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. MOST CONTACTS, VIRTUALLY ALL OF THE PRODUCTIVE ONES, ARE WITH REGARD TO NARCOTICS. ALL SUCH CONTACTS ARE CAREFULLY PREARRANGED WITH KNOWN OBJECTIVES. OUR SUCCESS WITH THE GUB IN NARCOTICS HAS BEEN BASED ON SUCH CARE AND A LOW PROFILE. WE CAN KEEP THE GUB AWARE OF OUR HUMAN RIGHTS POSITION AND PARTICULARLY HOW IT MIGHT AFFECT OUR MUTUAL NARCOTICS INTERESTS. TO DO SO CASUALLY IN THE COURSE OF OUR ROUTINE CONTACTS WOULD BE SO INTENSELY IRRITATING TO THE BURMESE AS TO BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE. I SUGGEST THAT THE GOAL BE CHANGED TO "ENHANCE BURMESE UNDERSTANDING OF U.S. HUMAN RIGHTS POLICIES." THIS WOULD GIVE THE POST THE FLEXIBILITY TO FOLLOW COURSES OF IMPLEMENTING ACTION WHICH SEEM MOST LIKELY TO BE EFFECTIVE AT ANY GIVEN TIME. ALSO, AS A GENERAL RULE, NO SUBSTANTIVE SUBJECT SHOULD BE RAISED WITH THE GUB "ROUTINELY."

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